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## Sharon Stephenson, Commodore

### The Commodore's Log

#### Moving Ahead in 2017

January has flown by and now we are into February. The NSA has a busy schedule for this short month.

John Phillips Joe Glorioso, and Roger Hammer have been working hard to set up seminars for the year, which will start in February. February's topics are Marine Communications, CPR, First Aid Training, Rules of the Road/Avoiding Collisions at Sea. These seminars have been set up in conjunction with SCO (Sailing Club of Oriental). It is exciting to have these combined events with other sailing clubs in Oriental. A number of people in the village have agreed to give the seminars, including instructors from World Wide Marine, as well as some of our NSA members. We are most grateful to all these folks for their willingness to help us learn more. Be sure to see the seminar schedule and details of the topics in the [events list](#) as well as later in this newsletter. And thank all those who have helped get the seminar series together.

Seminar:First Aid Training  
Feb 21,

Seminar:Navigation Rules of the Road  
Feb 25,

Oyster Roast/  
Feb. 25,

Seminar:Cruising Headsail Furlers  
March 4,

Seminar:Safety at Sea  
March 11,

NSA Bridge Meeting/  
March 18, 8:30-10:00

Shrimperoo/  
Mar 18,

Seminar:Chartering in the Caribbean  
March 21,

Seminar:You are Now the Captain & MOB  
March 25,

USCG Safety Inspections/  
April 1,

Seminar:Sail Trim  
Apr 8,

Easter Cruise/  
April 15 - 16,

Oriental Boat Show/  
April 21 - 23,

Seminar:Docking Basics, Anchoring in Close Quarters  
Apr 29,

Seminar:12V Hands on Trouble Shooting/  
May 6,

Anniversary Race/  
May 6

Bridge Meeting/  
May 6

Seminar:Emergency Signaling Devices/  
May 13,

Seminar:NSA Cruising Primer/  
May 20,

Memorial Day Cruise/  
May 27 - 29

Of course, February also means the Oyster Roast. This is our kick-off social event of the sailing season. It's the time to catch up with our sailing friends, share stories and some cold drinks (hopefully warm drinks will not be necessary) and eat oysters as well as the delicious sides our club members always manage to produce. See the registration page [here](#) and additional information in this edition of the newsletter. Becky and Paul Griffin, new members in 2016, are to be thanked for their efforts in getting this event organized.

It's also time to make your definite plans for the first 2 cruises of the season, Beaufort for Easter and Ocracoke for Memorial Day. Important details are in the cruising articles below. If you have any questions about participating in the cruises, please ask our Commodore of Cruising, Carl Crothers, any of the cruise captains for specific cruises or me. We do not want you to miss these fun events and sailing opportunities only because you feel you do not have enough information.

As for Chuck and I, we are still on *Misto*. At the moment we are in a marina in Panama City, Panama, and will be departing tomorrow for the Las Perlas Islands. See Misto's article in this newsletter to catch up on our adventures. Internet connections are intermittent, so I may not answer e-mails in a timely fashion. We will be back home on February 28.

Until next time,

Sharon Stephenson,  
s/v *Pelikan*  
Commodore  
[Commodore@neusesailingassociation.org](mailto:Commodore@neusesailingassociation.org)



## Cruising Outlook

# Cruise Update Feb 2017

Maybe it's the weird winter weather – warm one day, freezing the next – but I'm chomping at the bit to push off the dock and start cruising. There's nothing quite like the sensation of falling off the wind in a stiff breeze, the sound of the water rushing along the hull, and the clinking of ice cubes being dropped into an expectant glass – after the dock lines have been made fast or the anchor set, of course.

Like most of you, I have projects in the works. My fickle Tohatsu outboard is disassembled in my garage with, among other issues, a fuel tank with a cracked spout. Much to do on the boat, too.

In my case, I have a sabbatical between now and our cruising season. For those who have been following the adventures of NSA members Howard and Ros Cheetham, s/v *Misto*, in the World ARC Rally, you may know that I will be joining them in the Galapagos Islands later this month and crewing with them across the Pacific to the Marquesas and Tuamotu islands (French Polynesia). I will fly home from Tahiti sometime in April. I plan to either blog or send dispatches to Donna that she can post on the NSA website. Of course, you can follow *Misto's* blog (see *Misto* update article, below).

It's possible I will get back in time for the Easter Cruise to Beaufort, April 15-16. In any case, the Easter Cruise is in very good hands. Scott Westwood and Sandra Emerson, who over the past two years have lifted our website and member database to the next level, have agreed to be our Cruise Captains for our first cruise of the season. You can register [here](#) for the Easter Cruise and we'll let the dock master at Beaufort Docks know you're coming. You don't need to call the marina yourself. If you've registered, you just need to hail the marina on VHF16 when you're 10 minutes or so out. If you've never been down Adams Creek and the ICW to Beaufort, let me know and I will match you with a cruising mentor, if you wish.

Beaufort was our Easter Cruise destination last year and proved a great spot for this early time of the season. The churches in Beaufort do a multid denominational service on Sunday morning on the docks for those so inclined. Last year we worshipped in a light rain, but it was nice. And you can't beat the dining and socializing options along the Beaufort waterfront. We'll have a traditional social at 1630 on Saturday on the docks.

As I mentioned last month, the [Events List](#) on the website has been populated with the dates and destinations for all

Bridge Meeting  
June 3

Seminar: Bleeding Control  
June 3

Hope Regatta  
June 9-11

Week Long Cruise I  
June 17-24

Oriental CroakerFest/  
June 30 - July 2

Dog Day Cruise/  
July 8-9

Week Long Cruise II  
July 9 - 16

Dinghy Poker Run/  
July 22,

Lazy Days Cruise/  
Aug. 19-20

Labor Day Cruise/  
Sep. 2 - 4

Bridge Meeting/  
Sept 9

Oriental Cup Regatta/  
Sept. 15 - 17

Fall Cruise/  
Sept. 23-24

Autumn Raft-up/  
Oct 14 - 15

Halloween Cruise/  
Oct. 28 - 29

Annual Membership Meeting  
Nov. 11

Commodore's Ball  
Nov. 11,

Spirit of Christmas float/  
Dec 9 - 10

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our cruises this year. I think it's an exciting schedule, with two week-long cruises, along with some ports and anchorages we haven't visited in a while. Please check it out. Also, see the article in today's newsletter about our annual Memorial Day weekend cruise to Ocracoke. This one requires your special attention. And finally, I want to again call for cruise captains and cruise mentors. I want 2017 to be the year we really expand participation by members in cruising. If you're thinking of getting more involved in cruising this year, please contact me so I can make a pitch in person. You won't regret it.

See you on the water soon!

Carl Crothers,  
s/v *Captiva*  
Vice Commodore/Cruising (2017)  
[vcruising@neusesailingassociation.org](mailto:vcruising@neusesailingassociation.org)

## Membership

# Welcome Members, New and Returning!

Cyndy and I are excited about the NSA and what we offer our members. This year is going to be bigger than ever and we look forward to another year of sailing, learning, and social activities.

Every club has to continually look to expanding its membership. So with that in mind, Cyndy and I would like to challenge every member to recruit at least one new NSA member for 2017. We all have dock mates and friends who own a boat and would love to join the NSA. We are proud that the NSA is one of North Carolina's oldest and most active sailing clubs! New members will be joining hundreds of sailors who are eager to get to know them and share some exciting sailing and social activities together. All your recruit has to do is to go to the NSA website and apply for membership (click [here](#)) or download the application form, complete it and mail to the NSA address. Be sure to invite them to the Shrimperoo where we will have more information and people who can answer their questions.

Welcome aboard to the following new members:

**Dottie and Will Clower** - Dottie and Will live in Raleigh and keep their Hylas 46 "Amari" at the Hilton Grand Marina in New Bern

**Roger & Leslie Hammer** - Roger and Leslie live in Oriental and keep their Island Packet 35 "Angelyn" at their home dock in Oriental. Roger has already stepped up and is assisting with planning the NSA Seminars.

**John and Julie Rahm** - John and Julie live in Oriental and keep their Island Packet 485 in a private dock in Oriental.

Make sure you search them out our new members to introduce yourself and welcome them to the NSA. Our family keeps growing.

We have just completed the first month of our three-month renewal period. Typically most members renew at the Oyster Roast or the Shrimperoo; but, the results so far are really good. We have 45% of our members already renewed. You should have received an email reminding you to renew your membership. The deadline is April 1, 2017. If you did not receive an email or have misplaced it just click [here](#) to sign on and renew.

John Phillips & Cyndy Little  
s/v *Chardonnay*  
Vice Commodores/ Membership  
[vcmembership@neusesailingassociation.org](mailto:vcmembership@neusesailingassociation.org)

## Special Events

# Oyster Roast

The first NSA social event is right around the corner! The Oyster Roast will kick off at **2:00 PM on Saturday, February 25th** at the Oriental Marina and Inn for NSA members and member-invited guests.

if yours is weather-worn and needs replacing before the new season begins. Burgees are \$20. If you're a new member and never received your first complimentary NSA burgee, let John and Cyndy know at: [VCMembership](#)

**BOAT/US DISCOUNT** NSA members are entitled to a 50% discount when joining or renewing their Boat/US membership. Click [here](#) for details.

#### **NSA FACEBOOK PAGE**

Yes, we have one. Go [here](#) to join our members-only page. It's a great place to share photos and experiences.

**For breaking news, the latest club information and coming events, watch the headline boxes on the NSA Homepage.**

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Members may invite one or two guests at \$10 each. We will preview the 2017 sailing season and prepare for recruiting new members at the Shrimperoo in March. At the Oyster Roast, we will also have a Member Center set up to assist members in renewing their membership as well as for any guests wishing to join. We ask all members to bring a side dish or dessert to the event. If you plan to attend, **don't forget to register** for the event on the NSA website ([here](#) is the link!)  
Thanks,

Becky and Paul Griffin  
*s/v Blue Mind*  
VC Special Events  
[vcspecialevents@neusesailingassociation.org](mailto:vcspecialevents@neusesailingassociation.org)



#### **Seminars**

## **2017 NSA Seminars**

A few years ago, the NSA began offering seminars under the banner of "NSA Seminar Series". At that time, we targeted the seminars for the winter months and ending after the Oriental Boat Show. We also joined with the Sailing Club of Oriental (SCO) to jointly offer some of the seminars. For 2017 we have again joined with SCO to provide seminars on a variety of topics. This year we will offer more seminars than ever before. Many vendors are participating including World Wide Marine Training who is joining us to provide some of their knowledgeable instructors on an expanded list of topics. We are now looking at fifteen or more seminars that are in the planning stage. As they are confirmed, staffed, and scheduled we will add them to the calendar. See the sidebar in this newsletter for the list of seminars that are scheduled (color coded **green**) to date and also listed in the NSA [events calendar](#).

A few seminars are scheduled on a Tuesday or a Thursday to accommodate SCO members but most are on a Saturday. Unless otherwise stated in the event details on the NSA calendar, all seminars will begin at 9:00 am. If no registration is required, just mark your calendar and show up. However, all of the venues we use require that the general public be permitted to attend. Although most venues will accommodate a fairly large crowd, they all have a posted size limitation. When that limit is reached the doors will be closed. So, arrive early to be sure you get a seat. We have one seminar that is restricted due to the hands on effort and the additional space that is required. For that seminar we are requiring a registration form. We still are trying to schedule a few more seminars and will let you know if they are scheduled.

- All about Life Rafts
- Bleeding Control
- Celestial Navigation
- Plotting and Charting Basics

If you have a particular topic that you would like to have us include in our seminar offerings for next year, please send an email to the VC Membership.

John Phillips & Cyndy Little  
*s/v Chardonnay*  
Vice Commodores/ Membership  
[vcmembership@neusesailingassociation.org](mailto:vcmembership@neusesailingassociation.org)

Memorial Day Cruise

## **Memorial Day Cruise Registration Opens Feb 15, 6:00 pm**

To all who are interested in trying to get a slip at Anchorage Inn Marina in OCRACOKE for Memorial Day Weekend, please remember that due to the limited number of slips at the Anchorage Inn, registration is based on a first come, first serve basis. So on February 15 at 6PM, the registration form will be opened to sign up. These slips will go quickly so if you want one, we encourage you to sign up as soon as the form is available. The link will be found in the event description for the Memorial day cruise ([here](#)). Bill Erwin, Buster Kenny and I (Chuck Gordon) are your Cruise Captains and we look forward to a large turnout again this year. We will send the list to Anchorage Inn and Marina and around mid-March and they will contact the slip recipients for arrival/departure dates and first night's deposit.

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If you have any questions for Bill, Buster or me, we will be your contacts (please do not contact the marina)! Our contact information is as follows: (chuckgordon55@yahoo.com, call or text 919 880 7879) or Bill Erwin (berwin@suddenlink.net, call or text 252 916 4534) or Buster (bkennyunc@gmail.com, call or text 214 914 5488)

Chuck Gordon will have limited access until the beginning of March, so contact Bill or Buster with any questions during that time.

Thanks,  
Cruise Captains  
Bill Erwin (s/v *Shadow*)  
Buster Kenny (s/v *Cool Change*)  
Chuck Gordon (s/v *Pelikan*)

## Vessel Safety Check

# Vessel Safety Check

Working with the The Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron, Brian McLamb has organized an opportunity for vessel safety checks on Saturday, April 1, starting at 9:00 am through the afternoon. Don't be an April fool! This check is a serious exercise in good seamanship! To facilitate the safety checks and ensure efficient use of everyone's time, we have established an online signup sheet ([here](#)). The Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron will use the Sea Harbor Yacht Club as their "base" and will come to your boat in your marina, based on your sign-up information. Please sign up if you choose to participate so they have an accurate method of allocating their resources and know how many vessels are at each marina. Information needed on the spreadsheet will include vessel name, marina name and slip number, phone contact for the person requesting the examination, and morning or afternoon preference when you will be available that day. Last year we started at 9 AM and most checks were completed by noon. Thank you for helping everyone be safe on the water!

Brian McLamb  
s/v *Serenity*



## Easter Cruise

# Easter Cruise to Beaufort



directly, letting them know you are with NSA.

This year we head back to beautiful Beaufort, NC, for our first cruise of the 2017 season. Easter weekend this year falls on April 15-16. We'll stay at [Beaufort Docks](#) ((252) 728-2503).

The Cruise Captain will be sending the dock master the list of boats with the following information: Boat Name, Length, Beam, Depth, and any special power requirements. You do not need to contact the marina directly.

Some members may wish to arrive a day early to Beaufort and leave on Monday giving you time to explore much of this historic town, which is a favorite stop along the ICW. Also, Beaufort has a community worship service on the docks every Easter for those interested. NOTE: If you plan to arrive early (e.g. before April 15), please contact the marina

We will have a social at 4:30pm on Saturday on the docks, so please plan to bring a covered dish or appetizer for the event. (Time of the social is subject to change based on the group's arrival times.)

Please fill out this event registration form ([here](#)) so we can determine slip availability at Beaufort Docks.

The cruise captains for this event are Scott Westwood and Sandra Emerson. If there are any questions please contact them here: [scottwestwood@bellsouth.net](mailto:scottwestwood@bellsouth.net).

Scott Westwood and Sandra Emerson



## Club Communications

January has been the month for member renewals and it's great to see so many members starting the year off right by getting their NSA renewal completed before the Oyster Roast. Some members have needed a refresher for logging in and we thought it would be useful to review a nuance about membership renewal here. When you initially registered your membership on the website, you were designated the primary member and you likely registered your significant other as the secondary member. For membership renewal purposes, *only the primary member can renew*. Although the secondary member can sign up for cruises and has access to the majority of the functionality of the website, membership renewal is possible only by the primary member. So we strongly encourage you to save your login and password in a place you can retrieve it for your NSA renewal next year!

Your communications commodores have been busy developing registration forms for the exciting events described in this newsletter. Be sure to use the links for the events on the left side of this newsletter or within the newsletter to find out which events require registration.

Lastly, we have received additional photos from folks who heeded our call for pictures; there are some new photos in some of the events in the [photo gallery](#) from 2016; check them out. Make it your New Year resolution to email your photos to [photos@neusesailingassociation.org](mailto:photos@neusesailingassociation.org) right after (or during!) an event so we can continue to share the sailing fun with all members.

Bill and Susanne Lovelace  
s/v TRIO  
Commodores of Communication  
[vccommunications@neusesailingassociation.org](mailto:vccommunications@neusesailingassociation.org)

### NSA Members in ARC

## Misto on the World ARC - St Lucia to the Pacific

The last month has seen us travel from St Lucia to Santa Marta Columbia, Columbia to the San Blas Islands and onward to Panama and through the Panama Canal to the Pacific ocean. At the time of writing we are at La Playata, Panama City, and will be departing any day now for the Las Perlas Islands.

We have sailed in conditions ranging from challenging (36 knots and 12' seas between Santa Marta and the San Blas islands), to trivial (motoring for 12 hours on the passage from St Lucia to Santa Marta!)

The San Blas Islands were stunningly beautiful and deserve a stay of several months – they are on our “return” list. We were able to experience the local indigenous Kuna peoples’ culture and attended a celebration for the coming of age of young women on one of the island villages.



Shelter Bay Marina on the Atlantic side of the Panama Canal is the staging point for sailing vessels transiting the canal. We enjoyed a trip to the new Panama Canal visitors’ center and watched a huge ship (\$1M to traverse) pass through the locks. The new locks have sliding gates, rather than traditional swing lock gates, and the ships require tugs to go through rather than the electric train “mules” that are used in the old locks.

In the Panama Canal transit we were rafted to another 43’ catamaran, Forget-me-not. We transited through the old locks and completed the Gatun locks in late afternoon. The following day we completed the transit through Gatun Lake and the Pedro Miguel and Miraflores locks on the Pacific side. Finally under the bridge of the Americas we welcomed the Pacific. Each year about 1400 sail boats make this passage and we consider ourselves privileged to be one of that number.

Chuck and Sharon will leave us once we reach the Galapagos in mid-February and Carl Crothers will join us. I want to heartily thank Chuck and Sharon for being wonderful crew. It's been a pleasure to have them on board. We will be sorry to see them depart but are really looking forward to the Pacific leg with Carl.

There is so much more to share from our adventures. We invite you to read more at our blog: <https://mistolog.wordpress.com>

World ARC website will also show the position of the fleet. [http://www.worldcruising.com/world\\_arc/eventfleetviewer.aspx](http://www.worldcruising.com/world_arc/eventfleetviewer.aspx)

